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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 (A/54/851) and the revised budget of MINURCA for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 (A/54/857). During its consideration of the reports, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information.

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999

2. By its resolutions 52/249 of 26 June 1998 and 53/238 of 8 June 1999, the General Assembly appropriated a total amount of $63,415,650 gross ($62,230,050 net) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, excluding voluntary contributions in kind of $2,863,300. As indicated in table 1 and annexes I and II of the report of the Secretary-General in document A/54/851, expenditure for the same period amounted to $60,221,750 gross ($58,991,500 net), resulting in an unencumbered balance of $3,193,900 gross ($3,238,550 net).

3. The unencumbered balance was attributable primarily to the lower deployment levels of military personnel ($542,700) and civilian personnel ($1,240,800) and reduced operational requirements under premises/accommodation ($333,300), air operations ($1,051,900) and other equipment ($285,700).

4. With regard to the status of reimbursement of troop-contributing Member States, the Committee was informed that troop costs in the amount of $28.6 million had been reimbursed up to 31 December 1999, while the amount owed was $1.0 million for the period from 1 January to 11 March 2000. With regard to reimbursement for contingent-owned equipment, the amount of $96,300 had been

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reimbursed as at 30 April 2000, the estimated amount owed was $10.0 million as at 31 March 2000 and unliquidated obligations for contingent-owned equipment amounted to $7.9 million. For death and disability compensation, two claims paid amounted to $100,000 and unliquidated claims for one pending claim amounted to $596,100, as at 30 April 2000.

5. The Committee was informed that as at 1 May 2000, the cash position amounted to $5.9 million and current loans amounted to $17.2 million. As at 15 April 2000, assessments amounted to $113.8 million, payments received totalled $77.2 million and amounts outstanding were at $36.6 million. Total unliquidated obligations for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 were $9.2 million as at 30 April 2000.

6. **The action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session in connection with the financing of MINURCA is to decide on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $3,193,900 gross ($3,238,500 net) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999. The Committee recommends that the unencumbered balance of $3,193,900 gross ($3,238,500 net) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 be credited to Member States in a manner to be decided by the General Assembly.**

Revised budget of MINURCA for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000

7. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/54/857), the revised budget for MINURCA for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 amounts to $41,098,075 gross ($40,069,275 net), excluding voluntary contributions in kind of $736,300 and representing an increase of 23 per cent ($7,730,200 gross), when compared with the original budget for the same period and reflects the absorption of the commitment authority of $6,701,900 granted by the Advisory Committee (see para. 9 below).

8. By its resolution 53/238 of 8 June 1999, the General Assembly appropriated an amount of $33,367,875 gross ($32,572,675 net) for the maintenance of MINURCA for the period from 1 July to 15 November 1999 and its subsequent liquidation, inclusive of an amount of $1,659,640 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and $325,435 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.

9. In a letter dated 14 July 1999 from the Chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee concurred with the request of the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding $6,701,900 in order to meet the estimated additional cost of MINURCA's support for the conduct of presidential elections in the Central African Republic.

10. The Security Council, by its resolution 1271 (1999) of 22 October 1999, extended the mandate of MINURCA until 15 February 2000.

11. The Committee notes from paragraph 2 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/54/857) that projected requirements for the continuation of liquidation activities at the United Nations Headquarters in New York for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 are estimated at $115,800 gross ($102,800 net).

12. The action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session in connection with the financing of MINURCA are set out in paragraph 11 of the report of the Secretary-General in document A/54/857. **The Committee recommends that**

the General Assembly appropriate and assess the additional amount of $7,730,200 gross ($7,496,600 net), for the Mission for the 12-month period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the commitment authority of $6,701,900 granted by the Advisory Committee. The Committee also recommends that the General Assembly appropriate the amount of $115,800 gross ($102,800 net) for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001. In view of the financial data contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, the Committee is of the opinion that an assessment in this case is not necessary at this stage.